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## GRAND OPENING OF SPRING MILLINERY

At Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 7, 8, 9th

Grand Opening of Spring Millinery at Wilmington's Big Racket Store on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the 7th, 8th and 9th of April.

We respectfully invite the Ladies to visit our store on these days and let us have the pleasure of showing them our line of Spring Hats, Flowers, Ribbons and Lace in every style.

We have made great preparation to meet the demands of the fine trade and of the best people, and the most fastidious in their wishes; and also connecting our effort to please in styles with the desire to save them money in the price.

We wish that one and all would come and look at our trimmed pattern Hats and Baby Caps, and ask the price and compare them with similar goods and styles elsewhere.

While the Ladies are looking at Millinery, before leaving, we ask that they take a look at our Dress Goods, Percales, White Goods, Lawns and Spring Styles of Dress Goods. We claim to be cheaper and our line is equal if not superior to any you will find elsewhere.

We have pretty Silks for 25c, finer and better for 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Stripes and solid colored Fine Satines all grades. One piece black Satine slightly damaged, a job for 50c per yard. Strictly all Silks for 50c, finer and wider for 65c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.10. Fine Double Fold Worsteds Dress Goods in fine and handsome styles for 50c, 60c and 75c; better for 75c, 85c and 90c. We have a beautiful line of Organdies, Lawns, the handsomest line ever in the city for 12 1/2c; very beautiful colors. We can please you in fine Plaque both white and colored. Our fine white Plaque a special drive for 12 1/2c; very neat in colors, in brown, tan, green and blue, and 20 inches wide for 12 1/2c, worth regular price 25c. We also have all styles of Plaids from 25 inches for 25c a yard to 40 inches wide 50c. Our Shepherd Plaids from 15c to 40c, very nice.

A Special Drive in Table Linens, 60 inches wide, very fine, bleached for 25c a yard; heavier at 35c, 40c, and up to 72 inches very heavy, strictly all Linen for 60c. Double all styles—the Fine White Double not hemmed 14 by 14 inches for \$1.00 a dozen; 12 by 12 inches for 60c, 16 by 16 inches for \$1.25 a dozen and up to \$2.00 a dozen. Turkey red table Linen 54 inches wide for 15c a yard, 62 inches for 20c a yard. Very good quality, for 15c a yard.

Lace curtains all style and prices. We have a good many very neat patterns in fine Lace Curtains 35 yards long and 42 inches wide for \$1.00, \$1.25 and up to \$1.50 and \$2.00. Fine Line Shades, made to best Opague goods, 36 by 72 inches with best

spring rollers for 25c each, 2 by 7 feet for 50c each. Fine Shades with beautiful lace edge border and fringe, something in every size for 50c each.

Floor Oil, Art square styles for washstands, doors and closets, 1 1/2 yard square, for 50c. A pattern 2 yards square, for 50c; a pattern, best flower, all colors heaviest and best goods for 25c 1 yard wide; 1 1/2 yards wide 35c a yard—running yard; Matting all styles. Best fine Japan cotton warp beautiful Matting, light, any color, at 15c—same goods we sold last season for 22c. Very heavy, heavy, thick and seamless, in China Matting for 12 1/2c, 15c and 18c. Remnant of Carpet, strictly all wool, beautiful pattern, compare them with similar goods and styles elsewhere.

Clothing for Men and Boys: the largest and best selection. We are no snobs in the Clothing Business. We claim to have one of the best stocks, the largest and by far the cheapest stock in the city. Our Clothing is all new and durable. Read these prices and bring this advertisement and compare the goods with the description here. Men Suits, sack coats, dark gray and brownish gray, for \$1.38, extra value. Men's black Cheviot Suits, part wool, \$2.87 a suit. Men's Plaid Suits for \$3.25. Very neat Men's all wool, nicely made, Cling Worsteds Suits for \$3.00; fine black cheviot gray cheviot and a dozen of other styles of Fine Suits, strictly all wool for \$5.00. Better stock in English Tweed Suits for \$7.00 and \$8.00; beautiful black clay worsteds Suits and Coats, handsomely made, for \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 a suit. Oil Coats for men at \$1.50 each. Gold Pants. We know our stock of old Pants is far better and much cheaper than any regular home-made pants. We have Pants from 25c, 50c; very neat all wool for 75c and 85c; all wool for \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Beautiful worsteds Pants for \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$3.00 a pair. Boys Suits for \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 up to \$3.50 a suit.

We want the trade and we handle very near anything you may need.

Our Men and Boys' Hats are very cheap, styles right. The fine, new style Hats for young men in white, black or tan, for \$1.00 and \$1.50; others ask \$1.75 and \$2.50 for the same hat.

Be sure and come to the Big Opening on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the 7th, 8th and 9th, and we will show you a lot of Pretty Goods than we have ever had before, and at bottom prices.

One thousand Trimmed Hats, very neat in line, 35c each for ladies, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50.

You will find us at 112 North Front street, opposite The Orion Hotel.

## GEO. O. GAYLORD, Prop'r.,

OF WILMINGTON'S BIG RACKET STORE

### FIRE OATS

10 AND 20c PER BUSHEL,

Tried and Found Good for Stock.

TERMS SPOT CASH.

WORTH & WORTH.

#### Killed His Two Brothers-in-Law in Self Defense.

Tampa, Fla., April 7.—J. H. Hays, a well known business man of Port Tampa City, shot and killed Will and "Maud" Hammond, his brothers-in-law, this evening. Mays married their sister, and the Hammonds have been employed by him, but recently he determined to discharge them. This created ill feeling and they declared that nothing but blood would satisfy them. Tonight the two brothers went into Mays' store and attacked him, and the result was their instant death. Hays at once notified Sheriff Spencer of the tragedy. His friends fear that he may have to kill two more Hammond brothers before he can get away from Port Tampa City. All of the parties are South Carolinians and fearless.

#### A Card.

Wilmington, N. C., March 6th, 1897.

MR. WALKER TAYLOR, Agent, City.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in testifying by my own experience to the promptness of your companies in the adjustment of Insurance Claims. My loss on building occupied by Messrs. Polvogt & Co. was satisfactorily adjusted, and I will take pleasure in recommending any one needing Insurance to call on you.

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Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it. Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy.

ELY'S CREAM BALM

It is quickly Absorbed. Gives relief at once.

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## MUCH BAD BLOOD

### DEVELOPED IN SENATE OVER THE CUBAN RESOLUTION.

Senators Morgan and Hale have a sharp tilt. The latter repels the charge of being in communication with the Spanish authorities. Senator Morgan deplores the apathy of the Government in protecting Americans against Spanish persecutions.

Washington, April 6.—Much bad blood was developed in the senate today over the Cuban question and there were numerous stormy passages and acrimonious personal charges.

Most of the day was given to the bankruptcy bill. Senator Stewart of Nevada, speaking in opposition. The discussion drifted to the financial question. Senators Chandler and Stewart having an amusing discussion on bimetalism.

During the day Senator Earl, democrat, of South Carolina, introduced a resolution for the immediate reorganization of the senate committee dealing with the filling of all vacancies. He spoke briefly, for the first time since entering the senate, on the injustice of keeping the new senators from committee service. The resolution went over till tomorrow.

The Cuban question came up on Senator Morgan's resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba and recognizing both parties as belligerents.

Senator Morgan was recognized in support of the resolution, speaking in his usual calm and dispassionate style. He spoke of the long and weary contest, which the Spanish authorities had been unable to check. It was right, he said, that congress should initiate such action as the United States was to take. He did not wish to occasion a ferment in the United States, even though the hearts of the American people are full of this subject. If the United States government had taken proper care of its citizens in Cuba, great loss of life and property would have been avoided. But our government had not taken care of its people and it was time that it did so. This resolution was designed to place the United States in a position to protect its citizens. "But," he added, "I am almost hopeless, after the policy of the past months, that any administration will get its courage up to the point of sending our ships to Havana and demanding justice and liberty for our people." He then added that Dr. Ruiz and commented on the reported purpose of the administration to send a lawyer to Havana to investigate. "Instead of hunting out a lawyer to go down to Havana," declared he, "our authorities might well send a ship of war to Havana with a commissioner on board and say to Spain: 'If that man has been murdered, you must punish the guilty ones, and, on the spot make immediate indemnity.'"

"An American," responded Senator Morgan, "I would regret to see a lawyer go there, but if I were a British subject I would expect to see a ship of war, as well as a lawyer, go there."

"Then, the senator would send a ship of war before the lawyer to establish the fact," pursued Senator Hale. "I would send both the ship of war and the lawyer," answered Senator Morgan, and then he added amid laughter, "but I would not have much use for the lawyers." He went on to say that he regretted that the rights and liberties of our American people were being taken away as to be converted into mere law suits.

"What we need," exclaimed Senator Morgan, "is action, resolution, determination, purpose, conclusion, that shall protect the people against these oppressive and arbitrary states and that determination in the island of Cuba would do more good than all the law suits ever brought."

Senator Morgan hoped that action would not be retarded by the statement of the senator from Maine that the Cubans are not conducting a "fashionable fight." Senator Morgan argued that the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans could not be construed as a hostile act against Spain. The belligerency of the confederate states had been recognized by Great Britain and Spain, but the United States never construed this as a hostile act. Spain's recognition of the confederacy was before the battle of Manassas and before the confederate states had shown their ability to resist the federal government. In the course of his speech he referred to Spanish prisons being stuffed with American prisoners. This brought on another sharp exchange with Senator Hale.

"What evidence has the senator" (Morgan), asked Senator Hale, "that the prisons of Cuba are filled with American citizens. I do not believe that assertion. My information is to the reverse. It is to the effect that within the last six weeks, every case in which our authorities have intervened for release of a citizen has been responded to in a friendly tone, and in nearly every case their release has occurred."

Senator Hale added that his attitude was in no sense due to any friendship for Spain. He cared nothing about that. He sought only to have the diplomatic usage of 100 years maintained—with calmness and not in an inflammatory spirit.

Senator Morgan responded that the authority was ample for the statement that twenty-eight people had been stuffed into a room 19 by 7 feet in dimension. Perhaps the senator from Maine would accept that. He (Morgan) did not believe the senator was capable of believing anything reflecting on one of these saintly angels of Spain. The Maine senator had not answered the question as to who was his authority. Then Senator Morgan added: "But I know who it is. The world knows who it is. The senator cannot conceal the fact that he is in communication with the Spanish authorities."

Senator Hale was at once on his feet speaking with great earnestness, free from agitation. "Not one single item of this information has come from the Spanish authorities," he declared. On the contrary he had talked with many people coming from Cuba; he had received letters, all from American citizens with American names and American residences; and in time he might present this American testimony to the senate. It was from such sources that his information had come and from no others.

lution and thus displace the bankruptcy bill. This threatened a test vote. It was finally arranged, however, that Senator Morgan should go on tomorrow.

Senator Hale insisted, however, that the Cuban resolution should be displaced and go to the calendar, although he made no objection to Senator Morgan's speaking tomorrow.

"Then I give notice," concluded Senator Morgan, "that when I get the floor I will move to proceed to a conclusion with this Cuban resolution. I desire action and a vote, and we ought to act or else drop the subject and let Mr. McKinley deal with it."

This concluded the two hours given to Cuba and the bankruptcy bill was taken up.

### IN HONOR OF OUR GOVERNOR

New Railroad Station at Penitentiary Farm Named After Him—An Exchange of Courts—Colored Teachers' Assembly. Penitentiary Convicts.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 6.—Governor Russell authorizes exchange of courts between Judges Robinson and Timberlake, whereby the former will hold Edgecombe court and the latter Franklin court, both beginning April 12th. The State Colored Teachers' Assembly is to be held here at Shaw university June 15th and 20th.

Superintendent John R. Smith, arrived today from the Wadesboro farm and says a railway station will be built there named Russellville, by the Carolina Central. He gives the following as the number of convicts: At the penitentiary 129, California farm 450, Halifax and Northampton farms 300, Castle Haynes phosphate works 40, Wadesboro farm 150.

Charter was granted by the secretary of state today to the Tarboro Water Supply Company.

Work is now being pushed on the annex to the male wing of the state hospital for insane here, so it can be occupied in six weeks. It will accommodate 100 patients.

Governor Russell this afternoon pardoned a man named Vinson, of Bladen county, who was serving a three year term in the penitentiary.

### First Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 6.—The first weekly weather crop report was issued today, and says:

The crop season has not opened very favorably. Heavy rains delayed all farm work, while excess of temperature advanced vegetation so fruit trees were generally in bloom before the end of March and were considerably injured by frosts. Though the farmers are waiting, a week or two more weather will enable them to catch up. The weather conditions for the week ending yesterday have not been favorable. The temperature fell to the freezing point March 29th and April 2nd as far east as Raleigh, with considerable injury to peaches, plums and pears, though apples escaped.

In the eastern district, frosts damaged the fruit trees, strawberries and truck considerably except in the extreme southern and eastern portions. Gardens are generally backward. Planting is progressing rapidly, while some early planted corn on dry uplands is coming up well. Rye and wheat are looking well and oats have been planted. Tobacco plants are growing nicely and are numerous. High water has delayed plowing in the river fields and put that work behind about two weeks. Much work has been done on truck farms and big crops planted.

### Supreme Court Decisions.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 6.—The supreme court justices filed following opinions today: Hairston vs. Glenn, from Forsythe, affirmed; Duffy vs. Duffy, from Forsythe, affirmed; Building and Loan Association vs. Bethel, from Forsythe, affirmed; Henderson vs. Williams, from Wilkes, reversed; Shober vs. Wheeler, from Forsythe, affirmed; Trust Co. vs. Forbes, from Forsythe, affirmed; Land Co. vs. Crawford, from Forsythe, affirmed; Nelson vs. Insurance Co., from Lenoir, affirmed; State vs. Combs, from Surry, affirmed; Stanley vs. Railroad, from Durham, new trial; Railroads vs. Insurance Co., from Franklin, affirmed; Stern vs. Austern, from Vance, affirmed; Bryan vs. Dunn, from Halifax, affirmed; State vs. Snyder, from Watauga, dismissed for failure to print record; Pressnell vs. Moore, from Catawba, affirmed; Taylor vs. Banks, from Yancey, reversed; Railroads vs. Commissioners, from Mitchell, reversed; Tucker vs. Satterthwaite, from Pitt, new trial; Miller vs. Ellis, certiorari allowed.

## Hood's is the Finest

Spring Medicine—Tonic, Appetizer, Strength-Builder

It Makes You Eat, Sleep, Work and Happy.

"We think Hood's Sarsaparilla is the finest Spring and family medicine. I had been bothered with headache while at my work, many a time having to go home, and loss of sleep, tired all the time, and getting up in the morning weak. I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and felt better after three doses. I kept on taking it, and now I can go into the quarry and do a day's work and come home feeling well and always hungry. We have also been giving Hood's Sarsaparilla to our youngest child, who was weak, languid and losing flesh. We could soon see a marked change. He ate better, slept well, and in a little while was like a new boy. He has continued to improve, and today is lively as a cricket, and the neighbors say he can talk more than any man around the place." THOMAS WHITE, Park Quarries, Freedom, Pa.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists, \$1, six for \$5.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with the other market closing at 4c

## WILMINGTON MARKETS.

### COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., April 7. Receipts of cotton today—76 bales. Receipts corresponding day last year 245 bales. This season's receipts to date—232,372 bales. Receipts to same date last year—153,677 bales. The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange: Cotton firm. Ordinary ..... 4 1/2c Low middling ..... 6 1/2c Middling ..... 7 1/2c Good middling ..... 7 5-16c Prices same day last year, 7 1/2c.

### NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Machine barrels steady at 27 1/2c; country barrels steady at 25 1/2c. Rosin, steady at \$1.40 and \$1.45. Tar firm at 95c. Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.30; soft \$1.80. Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine at 25 1/2c and 25c; rosin \$1.40 and \$1.45; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.20 and \$1.90. Receipts today—11 casks spirits turpentine, 439 barrels rosin, 104 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine. Receipts same day last year—29 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine.

### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

#### FINANCIAL.

New York, April 7.—Money on call easy at 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c; last loan at 1 1/2c, and closed offered at 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c. Prime mercantile paper at 3 1/2c. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 for demand, and \$4.85 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.86 1/2 and \$4.88 1/2. Commercial bills at \$4.84 1/2. Silver certificates 61 1/2c to 62 1/2c. Bar silver at 61 1/2c. Mexican dollars 48 1/2c. Government bonds strong; state bonds dull; railroad bonds firm.

#### COTTON.

Liverpool, April 7.—4 p. m.—Spot cotton fair demand; prices hardening; American middling 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c; sales 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and including 3,500 American; receipts 1,000 bales, none American. Futures opened and closed quiet with moderate demand. American middling, low middling close: April 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; May and June 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; July and August 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; September and October 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; November and December 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; January and February 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; March 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c.

New York, April 7.—Cotton steady; middling 7 1/2c; net receipts none; gross 480; forwarded 225; sales 1,110; spinners 510; stock 230,000.

Total today: Net receipts 7,374; exports to the continent 5,299; stock 673,610. Consolidated: Net receipts 33,254; exports to Great Britain 14,864; to France 181; to the continent 28,586.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 6,281,339; exports to Great Britain 2,753,308; to France 614,795; to the continent 1,738,858; to the channel 5,781.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales 86,900 bales: January 6.86; February 6.89; April 6.93; May 7.03; June 7.08; July 7.12; August 7.14; September 6.90; October 6.79; November 6.79; December 6.82.

Spot closed steady; middling uplands 7 1/2c; middling gulf 7 1/2c; sales 1,110 bales.

#### PORT RECEIPTS.

Norfolk—Firm at 7 1/2c; net receipts 496. Baltimore—Dull at 7 1/2c; gross receipts 340. Boston—Quiet at 7 1/2c; net receipts 4,174; gross receipts 1,607. Wilmington—Firm at 7c; net receipts 76.

Philadelphia—Quiet at 7 1/2c; net receipts 125.

Savannah—Quiet at 7c; net receipts 557.

New Orleans—Steady at 7 1-16c; net receipts 2,249.

Augusta—Steady at 7 1/2c; net receipts 90.

Charleston—Firm at 7c; net receipts 482.

#### GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC.

Chicago, April 7.—The leading futures were as follows: Opening, highest, lowest and closing.

Wheat—April 67 1/2c to 67 3/4c, 67 1/2c, 65 1/2c; May 68 1/2c to 68 3/4c, 68 1/2c, 65 1/2c; July 67 1/2c to 67 3/4c, 67 1/2c, 65 1/2c; September 66 1/2c to 66 3/4c, 66 1/2c, 64 1/2c.

Corn—April 23 1/2c to 24c, 23 1/2c, 22 1/2c; May 24 1/2c to 24 3/4c, 24 1/2c, 23 1/2c; July 25 1/2c to 25 3/4c, 25 1/2c, 24 1/2c; September 26 1/2c to 26 3/4c, 26 1/2c, 25 1/2c.

Oats—May 17 1/2c to 17 3/4c, 17 1/2c, 16 1/2c; July 18 1/2c to 18 3/4c, 18 1/2c, 17 1/2c; September 19 1/2c to 19 3/4c, 19 1/2c, 18 1/2c.

Flour—May \$8.20, \$8.07 1/2, \$8.07 1/2, \$8.07 1/2.

Lard—May \$4.07 1/2, \$4.10, \$4.05, \$4.07 1/2.

Ribs—May \$4.47 1/2, \$4.50, \$4.37 1/2, \$4.42 1/2.

July \$4.50, \$4.55, \$4.40, \$4.45.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour weaker; No. 2, yellow corn 23 1/2c; No. 2, white corn 23 1/2c; No. 3 spring 18 1/2c to 18 3/4c; No. 2 corn 23 1/2c; No. 3 corn 23 1/2c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 15c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 15c; No. 2 yellow, f. o. b., 15c; No. 3 yellow, f. o. b., 15c.

S. C. S. 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c; whiskey 1.18.

New York, April 7.—Flour demoralized and nominally lower in sympathy with the decline in wheat. City mill patents \$4.70 to \$4.95; do clears \$4.70 to \$4.85; Minnesota patents \$3.90 to \$4.10; Minnesota bakers \$3.40 to \$3.65; winter patents \$4.45 to \$4.65; do straight \$4.00 to \$4.20; do extras \$3.15 to \$3.50; do low grades \$2.60 to \$2.75.

Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2, red, steady and elevator, f. o. b., 77c; No. 1 northern Duluth 78 1/2c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 3 hard winter 72c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened weak and demoralized through the day by excessive selling of May wheat supplemented by a large number of cables and favorable crop news; prices broke all records since last September and closed at 2 1/2 to 3c net decline, later on near deliveries. Sales included No. 2 red, May 13 1/2c to 14c, closed at 12c; June closed 11 1/2c; July 11 1/2c to 12c, closed 6 1/2c; September 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c, closed 6 1/2c.

Corn—Spot weak; No. 2, 23c elevator; 30c afloat. Options opened weak and sold off with wheat, helped also by lower cables and general unloading; closed 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c net lower. April closed 23 1/2c; May 23 1/2c to 23 3/4c, closed at 23 1/2c; July 24 1/2c to 24 3/4c, closed 23 1/2c; September 26 1/2c to 26 3/4c, closed 25 1/2c.

Oats—Spot weak; No. 2, 22c; No. 3, 21c; No. 2 delivered 24c; No. 2 white 24c; No. 3 white 23c; track, mixed western 21 1/2c; track, white western and state 21 1/2c. Options were weak and lower with the other market closing at 4c

lower: May 21 1/2c to 21 3/4c, closed at 21 1/2c; July closed at 21 1/2c.

Lard—Easy; western steamed closed at \$4.30 nominal; May \$4.35 nominal; refined weak; continent \$4.60; South American \$4.95; compound 4 1/2c.

Pork—Easy. Eggs—Steady; state and Pennsylvania 9 1/2c to 10c; western fresh 9 1/2c; southern 9c.

Rice—Steady. Molasses—Steady.

Cotton Seed Oil—Fairly steady; prime crude, f. o. b., mills 15 1/2c to 16c; off summer, yellow 22 1/2c to 23c.